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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 28g

SUBJECT: Coordination of Production of Scientific Intelligence

1. The draft of proposed C.I.A. papers which the Intelligence and Information Branches submitted jointly on 26 June in compliance with Planning Directives No. 28<sub>b</sub> and 29<sub>a</sub> have been studied by this office.  
2. a. The plan of merging collection and research committees is considered undesirable since it would probably lead to a confusion of responsibility. In the interests of effective control and clear fixing of responsibility, it is preferable that a Collection Committee consist of individuals who, in their respective departments, are directly subject to orders of corresponding members of the Collection Coordination Board. Similarly, the members of a Research Committee should ordinarily consist of individuals who are subordinate to the corresponding members of the Intelligence Research Coordination Board.

b. At the Scientific Intelligence Meeting with [REDACTED] on 3 May, it was noted that departmental personnel present consisted of some whose responsibilities related exclusively to collection and others whose responsibilities related exclusively to research. Also, it was noted that in each of the four agencies represented the research function and the collection function were sharply separated. Thus, paragraph 3 of the joint draft of 21 June, and the first two lines of paragraph 4, are not concurred in by this office.

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c. It is also considered undesirable to lump all five subject committees in one paper. This will tend to conceal the urgency which now characterizes the need for the scientific committees. If the two scientific committees can be successfully established in the near future, they may then easily be used as pilot models upon which the other four committees can be based.

d. A draft of action, covering a separate Scientific Intelligence Research Committee to assist only the Intelligence Research Coordination Board, will be prepared and submitted.

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5. This matter will be given high priority.

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